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As a property owner and user of public water in southwestern Pennsylvania, I am concerned about the pollution being discharged into the rivers and other sources of drinking water. I have read many articles concerning this pollution and understand that the providers of public water do not have any methods of cleansing the pollutants from the water before it is distributed to homes and businesses. Therefore, I feel it is the responsibility of the state government (DEP and other agencies) to regulate the discharges and dumping being made by companies drilling for natural gas in the Commonwealth such that any discharges are first treated to a level that would insure no pollutants are being discharged into these water sources. In effect, any discharges should be so safe and free of pollutants that such discharge could be safely consumed by a human being with no risk of disease or illness. Anything less than this level of control would mean that the state government is contributing to the contamination of our drinking water sources and should be cause for legal action against the state and it's agencies.

There are surely methods of handling these after products of gas drilling in a much safer, albeit at more cost to the gas driller, that the state can mandate and enforce. With the millions of dollars of profits that gas drillers are making in this venture, they should be held accountable to spend some of these profits to insure safe water for the residents of this and every state.

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